

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has studied the Office Action of November 10, 2005. Applicant has amended the specification, drawings, and claims, as indicated herein above, to overcome the Examiner's objections.

Applicant elects herewith invention **I** with claims 1 - 6 and 14 - 18 readable thereon. Applicant confirms herewith that claims 7 - 13 have been withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner in accordance with 37 CFR 1.142(b). Claims 7 - 13 have been withdrawn without prejudice to filing future divisional application(s) directed to subject matter covered by these claims. Withdrawn claims 7 - 13 are subject to reinstatement in the event the requirement for restriction is withdrawn or overruled. Claims 7 - 13 have been canceled as being drawn to a nonelected invention, as indicated hereinabove. Elected claims 1 - 6 and 14 - 18 are allowable over the cited prior art.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. Applicant believes that the elected claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason the Examiner finds the claimed invention other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed herein below to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

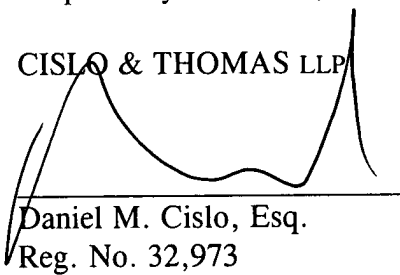
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to charge our USPTO Deposit Account # 03-2030. A duplicate of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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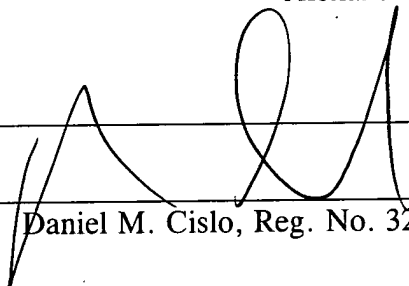


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Amendments to the Drawings:

Figure 7 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Specifically, Fig. 7 has been amended to add reference numeral **123** regarding the interior ridges on blender container **106**. A replacement sheet containing amended Fig. 7, unchanged Figs. 8 and 9 is submitted herewith as Exhibit 1 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d).

Figure 10 has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Specifically, Figure 10 has been amended to add reference numeral **123** regarding the interior ridges on blender container **106**. A replacement sheet containing amended Fig. 10 is submitted herewith as Exhibit 2 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d).